

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolutions were read the first time:

H.J. Res. 77. Joint resolution opposing the decision to end certain United States efforts to prevent Turkish military operations against Syrian Kurdish forces in Northeast Syria.

S.J. Res. 58. Joint resolution expressing support for freedom of conscience.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2724. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Revocation of Kansas City Area Transportation Conformity Requirements Plans" (FRL No. 10000-76-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2725. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; SC; 2010 1-Hour SO₂ NAAQS Transport Infrastructure" (FRL No. 10000-84-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2726. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Reasonably Available Control Technology State Implementation Plan for Volatile Organic Compounds under 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 10000-90-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2727. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New York; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2010 Sulfur Dioxide, and 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 10000-78-Region 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2728. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Source-Specific Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Jersey" (FRL No. 10000-91-Region 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2729. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9999-12) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2730. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Significant New Uses of Fatty Acid Amide" (FRL No. 9999-88) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2731. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State of Vermont: Discontinuance of Certain Commission Regulatory Authority Within the State; Notice of Agreement Between the NRC and the State of Vermont" ((10 CFR Part 150) (NRC-2019-0114)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2732. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicability of Existing Regulatory Guides to the Design, Construction, and Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation" (NRC-2019-0157) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2733. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of New Reactors, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Piping Systems and Components - Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria" (NUREG-0800, Chapter 14.3.3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2734. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidated Guidance About Material Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Medical Use Licenses" (NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Revision 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2735. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration Project" ; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2736. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary (International Affairs), Department of Treasury received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2737. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of

Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; State Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotment Reductions" (RIN0938-AS63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2738. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 199A Trade or Business Safe Harbor - Rental Real Estate" (Rev. Proc. 2019-38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2739. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hardship Distributions of Elective Contributions, Qualified Matching Contributions, Qualified Nonelective Contributions, and Earnings" (RIN1545-BO82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2740. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional First Year Depreciation Deduction" (RIN1545-BO74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2741. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Rev. Proc. 2019-22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2742. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice Regarding the Special Per Diem Rates for 2019-2020" (Notice 2019-55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2743. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Related to Section 958(b)(4) Repeal Relief" (Rev. Proc. 2019-40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2744. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Remedial Amendment Periods, Pre-approved Plan Cycles, and Plan Amendment Deadlines for 403(b) Plans" (Rev. Proc. 2019-39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2745. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Expiration Dates for Two Body System Listings" (RIN0960-A144) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2746. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Revisions to Requirements for Discharge Planning for Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, and Home Health Agencies, and Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Changes to Promote Innovation, Flexibility, and Improvement in Patient Care" (RIN0938-AS59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2747. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Regulatory Provisions to Promote Program Efficiency, Transparency, and Burden Reduction; Fire Safety Requirements for Certain Dialysis Facilities; Hospital and Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Changes to Promote Innovation, Flexibility, and Improvement in Patient Care" (RIN0938-AT23) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2748. A communication from the Division Director for Policy, Legislation, and Regulation, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal-State Unemployment Compensation Program; Establishing Appropriate Occupations for Drug Testing of Unemployment Compensation Applicants Under the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012" (RIN1205-AB81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2749. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report on Other U.S. Contributions to the United Nations and its affiliated agencies during fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2750. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2019-0078 - 2019-0093); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2751. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2019; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2752. A communication from the Rule-making Coordinator, Office for Management, Policy, Budget, and Performance, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streamlining the Registration Process for Private Voluntary Organizations" (RIN0412-AA91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2753. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress Regarding National HIV

Testing Goals"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2754. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress: Pediatric Research in Fiscal Year 2018"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2755. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Informational Draft: Requirements for State and Local Report Cards" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2756. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Ambient Aerosol CNC Quantitative Fit Testing Protocols: Respiratory Protection Standard" (RIN1218-AC94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2757. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Exposure to Beryllium and Beryllium Compounds in Construction and Shipyard Sectors" (RIN1218-AD21) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2758. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual submission regarding agency compliance with the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and revised Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-123; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2759. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "ANC 8C Misappropriated Funds"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2760. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2761. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2762. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employee's Retirement System; Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees" (RIN3206-AN87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30,

2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2763. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division for 2018, and the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2764. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eliminating Unnecessary Regulations" (RIN0651-AD25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2765. A communication from the Division Director for Policy, Legislation, and Regulation, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modernizing Recruitment Requirements for the Temporary Employment of H-2A Foreign Workers in the United States" (RIN1205-AB90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2766. A communication from the Chief of the Regulatory Coordination Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds; Correction" (RIN1615-AA22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2159. A bill to repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation" (Rept. No. 116-130).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. JONES, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 2602. A bill to exclude vehicles to be used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2603. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end the immigrant visa backlog, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.